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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, EGEN, PFOR, MX

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S THIRD INFORME

REF: MEXICO 6564

1. TO AN EYEWITNESS THERE WAS LITTLE NEW IN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S THIRD INFORME (STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE) EITHER IN SUBSTANCE OR IN MANNER OF PRESENTATION. ON THE CONTRARY IT SEEMED TO FIT INTO THE PATTERN OF OTHER RECENT SIMILAR OCCASIONS, LASTING THE TRADITIONAL THREE HOURS WITH THE REQUIRED RESPONSE OF THE CHOSEN MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES LASTING A PLATITUDINOUS TWENTY MINUTES. AS USUAL, ECHEVERRIA GENERALLY ADDOPTED A PEDAGOGICAL TONE AND LARGELY ESCHEWED SPECIFICS. DETAILS OF THE FINROME HAVE OF COURSE BEEN REPORTED SEPARATELY BUT IN GENERAL IT APPEARED RELATIVELY UNINSPIRED AND WAS CERTAINLY SHORT ON SOLACE FOR THE PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR. THERE WAS THE EXPECTED HAND-WRINGING ABOUT RECENT NATURAL DISASTERS SUCH AS FLOODS AND EARTHQUAKES AND REFERENCES TO THE FORTY-HOUR WEEK, INCREASED MINIMUM WAGES AND MANY OTHER FACTORS

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IN THE ECONOMY WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC MEASURES BEING

PROPOSED. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE USUAL PATTERN OF THE INFORME.

2. APPLAUSE DURING THE INFORME IS LARGELY MEASURABLE IN ADVANCE. IT CAN SAFELY BE PREDICTED THAT REFERENCES TO THE ARMY WILL RECEIVE A BIG HAND AT WHICH THE LARGE BODY OF GENERALS PRESENT WILL RISE WHILE FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO CHILD WELFARE AND PROTECTION WILL LEAD TO A BIG HAND FOR SRA. DE ECHEVERRIA WHO IS VERY ACTIVE IN HIS FIELD.

3. THERE IS REALLY VERY LITTLE NEW TO BE SAID ABOUT THE INFORME EACH YEAR AS IT HAS FALLEN INTO A FIXED PATTERN WHICH SEEMS TO FIT THE MEXICAN POLITICAL SCENE AND TO BE EXPECTED EVEN THOUGH A TWENTY-MINUTE MESSAGE ACCOMPANIED BY A TEXT

OF THE FULL MESSAGE RELEASED TO THE PRESS WOULD SEEM SUFFICIENT. THIS IS CONFIRMED BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH ECHEVERRIA CONSIDERS HIMSELF AN INNOVATOR IN MEXICAN POLITICS, HE HAS FOLLOWED PRECISELY THE SAME INFORME FORMULA AS HIS PREDECESSOR. THEREFORE IT SEEMS MOST LIKELY THAT WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A LONG SERIES OF FURTHER INFORMES EXACTLY LIKE THE FIVE I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN WHICH COVER WHAT HAS OCCURED IN MEXICO DURING THE PRECEDING YEARS IN OMNIBUS FASHION BREAKING LITTLE NEW GROUND AND PROVIDING PROFOUND BOREDOM PROBABLY FOR MANY AND CERTAINLY FOR THE HAPLESS CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION PINNED FOR MUCH OF THE DAY IN EXCRUCIATINGLY UNCOMFORTABLE AND CROWDED QUARTERS.

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